



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BRASCH *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/695,065

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For: **Methods of Manipulating and
Sequencing Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Transposition and
Recombination**

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Examiner: Lu, Frank W.M.

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Request for Personal Interview

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a personal interview with the Examiner in the above-captioned application, prior to a first action on the merits. Since an interview is being requested prior to a first action on the merits after filing of a Request for Continued Examination, it is believed that the Examiner may properly grant this interview under MPEP § 706.07(b). It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule a personal interview in this application at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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